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SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PIGGERY SECTOR .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether piggery plays an important role in socio-economic development of the country;

(b) if so, the share of piggery sector in terms of Gross Domestic Product;

(c) whether the Government propose to pay special attention towards this sector;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details regarding overall performance of piggery in various States, especially in Maharashtra in respect of production, export and generation of employment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Contribution of pork meat in the total Gross Domestic Product is 0.052%.

(c)&(d): The Government is already paying attention towards this sector by implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme - `Assistance to States for Integrated Piggery Development` since 1991-92.Under this scheme 100% Grants-in-aid is given for establishment/strengthening of pig breeding farms under State Governments, Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras for production of quality germplasm and their distribution amongst pig breeders/farmers.

(e): Traditionally, pig rearing is practised in the rural areas as a subsidiary source of income. However, in the North-Eastern States piggery contributes to a substantial employment generation. As per the livestock census (1992) the pig population in the country is 12.78 million. As per estimates for 1999-2000 at current prices the value output of pork meat is rupees 1236 crores and contribution of pork meat in the total output of livestock sector is 0.95%. The cross-bred pig population in 1987 was 1.11 million which as per 1992 census has grown to 1.84 million.

The pig population in Maharashtra State has increased from 376 thousand during 1992 to 580.8 thousand with an annual growth rate of 2.40%.

The production of pork in Maharashtra for 1998-99 was 5.09 thousand metric tones which is around 2% of the total meat production in the state.